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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the Examiner's attention the Search Report of the British Patent Office in family member Application No. GB 0129279.6, and the following documents cited therein:

GB 2348872 A;

GB 2192389 A;

GB 2142919 A;

GB 2078696 A;

EP 0278583 A;

EP 0253506 A; and

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Copies of the foregoing documents and the British Search Report are submitted herewith. The Examiner is referred to the Search Report for the relevance accorded by the Examiner to the cited documents with respect to the claims in the GB application.

The Examiner is requested to consider the aforementioned documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first Official Action on the merits.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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Databases searched:

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage								
X	GB 2348872 A TOSHIBA see claim 1	1,2,4							
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PN - JF60142857 A 19850729

PD - 1985-07-29

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TI - BONE CEMENT COMPOSITION

IN - TAKAGI SHIGEHARUYAMAUCHI SHIGERUOKU TAKASHI

PA - SUMITOMO CEMENT COAMAUCHI SHIGERU

IC - A61F2/28; A61L27/00; C04B38/00

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- Bone cement compsn. contg. calcined calcium phosphate cpd. - with defined calcium to phosphorus ratio and physical properties

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PA - (SUMD) SUMITOMO CEMENT CO

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- J60142857 Bone cement compsn. comprises a calcined calcium phosphate cpd. (e.g. hydroxyapatite such as Ca5(PO4)3OH, Ca10(PO4)6(OH)2, etc., calcined at 800-1450 deg.C) of a Ca/P atomic ratio of 1.30-1.80, having a grain size of 0.05-0.5 mm and porosity of 40-90%, with pores of dia. of 1-600 microns and with fine paths leading to the pores. The cpd. contains 10-200% of at least one of e.g. water, sodium chloride injection (or solution), blood and artificial blood-plasma.

 USE/ADVANTAGE - Compsn. has excellent compatibility with living tissue and adhesiveness to bone, joint, etc., prostheses of metals or ceramics. It also efficiently activates the osteoplastic cells, etc., and suppresses the intrusion of collagen fibre and other harmful objects.

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